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Public hearing Tuesday, March 30, on chronic pain management rule

DES MOINES, IA -- The Iowa Board of Medicine will hold a hearing on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, for the public to comment on a proposed administrative rule that establishes the standards of practice for high-risk interventional techniques to manage a patient's subacute, chronic, persistent and intractable pain.

The hearing will be held at 11 a.m. in the Board's office at RiverPoint Business Park, Suite C, 400 SW Eighth Street, Des Moines.

The proposed amendments to Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 13, "Standards of Practice and Principals of Medical Ethics," define interventional chronic pain management as the practice of medicine in the diagnosis, treatment and management of patients with pain-related disorders. Interventional techniques include needle placement to inject drugs, analgesics and anesthetics, certain surgeries, and the use of fluoroscopy to assess the cause of a patient's chronic pain. The proposed rule complements a Board rule on prescribing or administering controlled substances for treatment of patients with chronic, nonmalignant pain.

The public may present written comments on the amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

The Board approved the notice of intended action on the amendments during a regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2010.

The amendments can be read in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/asp/ACODOCS/DOCS/03-10-2010.Bulletin.pdf>